

[illegible]

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Junji HAMURO et al : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: IMMUNOMODULATOR :

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

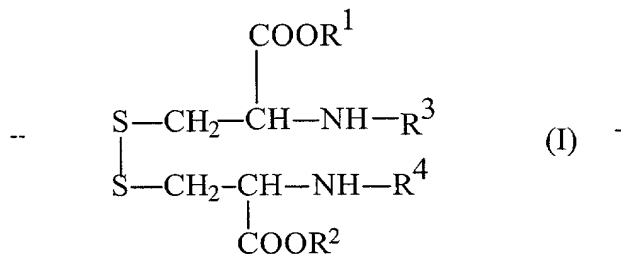
Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Please change the existing title to read as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

--This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/334,647, filed on June 17, 1999, now allowed, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. 09/181,881, filed October 29, 1998, now pending.

Page 10, please replace the chemical structure represented by formula (I) with the following structure:



IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 4-10 and 12-19.

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Amended) A method of treating cachectic condition caused by cancers, diabetes, gastrointestinal inflammatory diseases, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, hepatitis, hepatic cirrhosis, hypersensitive interstitial pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis or autoimmune inflammatory diseases [suppressing immune responses], comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a composition comprising a substance which reduces [capable of reducing] the content of reductive glutathione in macrophages, wherein said substance suppresses cellular immune responses in said patient.

Claim 11, line 1, replace "10" with --1--;

line 2, delete "having".

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 11 remain pending in this application.

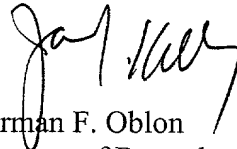
The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/334,647, filed on June 17, 1999, now allowed, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. 09/181,881, filed October 29, 1998, now pending.

Page 10 of the specification and Claim 4 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the structure represented by formula (I). The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by the specification at pages 4-60 and by Claim 12, now canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 and to make a grammatical change. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Norman F. Oblon
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 24,618

James J. Kelly, Ph.D.
Registration No. 41,504



22850

(703) 413-3000
Fax #: (703) 413-2220